



MARSHAL MATTERS

MAY 2020 EDITION

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Marshal's Minute-State Fire Marshal Matt Perez



The COVID-19 pandemic continues to provide many challenges to agency operations at the OSFM. Executive staff meets daily and continues to review operations, administrative and other agency functions. Employee safety has been and remains a top priority while starting to bring back services to meet the guidelines laid out in the Restore Illinois Plan provided by the Governor's office. OSFM has a phased recovery strategy to bring back operations to normal or at least to meet the needs of the "new" normal during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The OSFM's Arson Division continues to provide uninterrupted fire investigations daily during this unprecedented time. The OSFM's Personnel Standards and Education Division resumed certification testing May 1st and examinations that were taken in March have been graded. For the latest information about results or testing, visit the PS&E Web portal. An update to the portal has also been completed and has changed the way roster updates are completed. A tutorial is available by visiting the portal or here: <https://youtu.be/9XkS2XwKZmM>. Make sure to visit the portal and doublecheck to see if your rosters are current.

The Boiler Safety Division, Fire Prevention Division, Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division, and Elevator Safety Division are resuming many activities with proper PPE, social distancing, and following guidance set by the CDC, IDPH and the Governor's Office. OSFM can halt an inspection if proper criteria aren't met; everyone needs to wear a mask, even those who are in the building, proper social distancing isn't being followed, occupancy load is over the limit, along with other criteria laid out in the Restore Illinois Plan. OSFM Fire Service Outreach Division continues to provide assistance to IEMA through the state's emergency operations center. Technical Services Division is working remotely and are still responding to requests. They are also able to have an OSFM inspector onsite relay information regarding safety requirements of the building. OSFM office staff continue to provide administrative support to OSFM divisions helping keep operations going and running smoothly.

The OSFM is excited about a cooperative agreement with the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). A graduate of the OSFM's Chief Fire Officer Program, with full certification, can now gain the Chief Fire Officer Designation (CFO) from the CPSE's Commission on Professional Credentialing. If you are a graduate from the OSFM program from 2012 to June 1st, 2020, you have until December 31st, 2020 to complete and turn in the application for CFO Designation. The current class and future OSFM classes will also be eligible to apply, only when receiving full certification from the program. Completing this process allows you to join more than 1400 Chief Fire Officers Designees world-wide and these professional designations are international and recognized as the minimum standards for fire chiefs.

Employee Spotlight



Louis Hertter Storage Tank Safety Specialist

Where are you originally from? Born, raised, and still living in the Carbondale, IL area.

Tell us about your family? I am married to my beautiful wife Jenny, and we have four children ranging in age from 26 to 13. We were also blessed with our first granddaughter Annalee about 2 months ago!

Favorite food(s)? If you have ever attended SIU or even visited Carbondale, you are probably aware of Quatro's, Pagliai's, and Italian Village. Therefore, my favorite food would be pizza from any of these places.

Hobbies? I enjoy being outside more than anything. Maintaining and caring for my koi pond and taking care of our property.

What's your favorite movie or book? I can't say I have a favorite movie, but I will say that I enjoy just about any type of action/adventure movie.

When you get in the car what type of music will be coming out of your speakers? The music you will hear greatly depends on my mood, so I could be listening to classic rock, blues, or older country music.

What did you want to be when you were a kid? Of course, originally, I wanted to be a brick layer like my dad, but he made me promise him that I would do something besides masonry. He said it will make an old man out of you too fast! So, to keep my promise, I joined the fire service in 1988.

What's your favorite part of the job? My favorite part of my job is that no two days are the same. Since I work in the field, every day I have a different drive to work!!

What's something unique about you? One thing that is unique about me is that my name is actually Louis Hertter IV and I was able to carry on the namesake for another generation with my son, Louis Hertter V.

Where is your favorite place to vacation? My favorite vacation was to Maui, Hawaii. My wife and I both loved being there and would move to the islands in a minute if we were able to.

Where is your bucket list destination? My bucket list destination would be to spend a few weeks or longer visiting Alaska.

OFSM Families' 2020 Graduates



Sam Schrage (Jodi Schrage)
University of Illinois



Sophie Barna (Brian Barna)
Coe College Iowa



Jennifer Sheridan (Craig Adams)
SIU-Carbondale



Alissa Johnson (Scott Johnson)
Rockford University



Shannon Brohan (John Brohan)
Winona State



Alex Junge (Sean Junge)
Mattoon High School



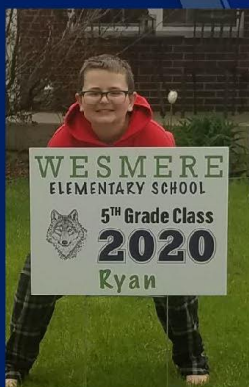
Gavin Starks (Daniel Starks)
North Mac High School



Tristan Polick (Pat Polick)
8th Grade

OSFM Celebrates Agency Family Graduates!

#OSFMTogether



Ryan Beckwith (John Beckwith)
5th Grade



Anderson Fultz (JC Fultz)
Kindergarten



Heidi Mattingly (Ashley Mattingly)
Kindergarten



Colton Blakeman (Kyle Blakeman)
Kindergarten



Gabbie Branson (Roger Branson)
8th Grade

OFSM Virtual Potluck

#OSFMTTogether



OSFM staff meetings usually include food and good fellowship. To continue this tradition, staff members were asked to submit photos of their favorite recipes, creating a virtual potluck. There were several requests for recipes that were submitted. OSFM is a very close and tight-knit agency, and even though employees are working remotely, the agency continues to remain close through the COVID-19 pandemic. #OSFMTTogether

**#OSFMTTogether**

State of Illinois Preliminary Exposure Risk Reduction Project



FREE DECON EQUIPMENT
IS NOW AVAILABLE TO ILLINOIS FIRE DEPARTMENTS

STATE OF ILLINOIS PRELIMINARY EXPOSURE REDUCTION PROJECT

VISIT [FSI.ILLINOIS.EDU](https://www.fsi.illinois.edu) FOR COMPLETE DETAILS



The State of Illinois Preliminary Exposure Reduction Project is a joint venture between OSFM, IFSI and MABAS. This joint venture was developed to deliver critical firefighter health and life safety research, education, training and basic equipment to fire departments across the state. The intent of the project is to provide departments with free basic equipment that can be used for preliminary exposure reduction (gross decontamination or decon) of personnel on incident scenes, as well as training on how to use those tools.

MABAS is serving as the distribution hub for all the materials and buckets. The MABAS MRC is serving as the distribution site for northeastern Illinois with other locations in Kankakee area, Shannon FD, IFSI, Germantown Hills FD, Signal Hill FD, Mt. Vernon FD, and Herrin FD. The area MABAS Operations Branch Chiefs will coordinate the local distribution.

It's important that you take the training to learn ways to reduce the risk of exposure to carcinogens due to synthetic building materials used in today's construction materials. There are still plenty of buckets available! You can find the link for training and how to receive your bucket(s) for your department/district below!

<https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/decon/#!/index>

Illinois Fire Service Forum

Leaders from several Illinois Fire Service Organizations came together for a forum to address the impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on their agencies and how operations have been affected. Each representative talked about steps their agency has taken during the response to help keep members safe and operations continuing. Fire Marshal Perez addressed efforts OFSM has been making to keep the Governor, IEMA and IDPH informed about the needs of the Illinois Fire Service and the importance for obtaining proper PPE. Members from the fire service community were able to ask questions of individual presenters.

If you missed the forum or wanted to watch it again, click the link below:

<https://youtu.be/2sM9QjYVipk>



(Top Row Left to Right) Richard Ford II, Commissioner Chicago Fire Department; Jim Keiken, IFSI Deputy Director; John Swan, President of Illinois Firefighters Association; Mike Mavrogeorge, President of International Association of Fire Chiefs Great Lakes Division

(Middle Row Left to Right) Michael Dillon, President of Illinois Association of Fire Protection Districts; Matt Perez, Illinois State Fire Marshal; Glen Erickson, Executive Director MABAS-Illinois; Gary Ludwig, President of International Association of Fire Chiefs

(Bottom Row Left to Right) Royal Mortenson, IFSI Director; Chuck Sullivan, President Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois, Greg Earl, President of Illinois Fire Chiefs Associations; Greg Knoll, President of Illinois Professional Firefighters Association

IFSI Minute



AN UPDATE FROM THE ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE:

Despite these uncertain times, IFSI continues to lead the nation with the delivery of training and education opportunities to first responders utilizing online platforms.

Within 10 days of stopping face-to-face deliveries in Mid-March, IFSI launched the Facebook Forum, a live streaming platform offering no cost training and information resources. To date, we have delivered fourteen broadcasts in the Facebook Forum reaching thousands of Illinois firefighters and capturing over 200,000 video views. This engagement has included participants from twenty-nine other states and seven different countries.

FUTURE FACEBOOK FORUM BROADCASTS:

Engine Company Operations

June 5 11:00am Instructor Sam Vega and Ron Smith

First Due Company Considerations for A Confined Space Rescue

June 10 1:00pm Instructors DeAngelo Cooke and Jamar Sullivan

First Due Company Considerations for Rope Rescue

June 16 1:00pm Instructors Ryan Evans and Joe Smithers

First Due Company Considerations for A Structural Collapse Building Rescue

June 24 1:00pm Instructors Jon Frye and Dan Bracken

July and August Topics: Agriculture Rescue, First Due Company Considerations for a Trench Rescue, RIT: Responder Intervention Team, Vehicle Machinery Operations, Smoke Divers

Dates and times to be posted on the IFSI webpage and social media channels.

IFSI has also offered Virtual Cornerstone Program classes during this response period. These no cost training courses deliver content in a more formal media platform. Upon successful viewing of each course, students can receive certificates of completion for participation. Since April, we have offered 6 virtual Cornerstone sessions reaching over 1000 students.

CORNERSTONE VIRTUAL TRAINING (TWO SESSIONS OFFERED FOR EACH TOPIC):

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| Fire Ground Search and Rescue | June 8 | 6pm – 8pm | June 13 | 10am – 12pm |
| Basic Company Officer | June 22 | 6pm – 8pm | June 27 | 10am – 12pm |
| Thermal Imaging | July 6 | 6pm – 8pm | July 11 | 10am – 12pm |
| Responder Intervention Team | July 20 | 6pm – 8pm | July 25 | 10am – 12pm |
| Tactics and Strategy | August 3 | 6pm – 8pm | August 8 | 10am – 12pm |

STATE OF ILLINOIS PRELIMINARY EXPOSURE REDUCTION PROJECT:

On May 1, - IFSI, Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal (OSFM), and Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Illinois (MABAS) launched the Illinois Preliminary Exposure Reduction Project. The project was developed to deliver critical firefighter health and life safety research, education, training and basic equipment to fire departments across the state. The intent of the project is to raise awareness of the increased cancer risks faced by firefighters, provide departments with free basic equipment that can be used for preliminary exposure reduction for personnel on incident response scenes, as well as training on how to properly use those tools. For more information on the training tools and free equipment distribution, visit fsi.illinois.edu/decon.

IFSI Minute

MOVING FORWARD:

The IFSI team has been working diligently on the development and implementation of training and education procedures that allow us to gradually resume a more normalized delivery of training and education across the state. We understand completely that this “new normal” must include institutionalized procedures to mitigate the COVID-19 risk to our students, instructors, and staff.

Effective 18 May, we resumed training for courses currently in progress and impacted by the COVID-19 response. This included targeted delivery of the Spring Fire Academy, Basic Operations Firefighter Blended programs and select courses that maintained virtual activity during our COVID-19 reduction of activity period. This slow operations transition allows students to successfully complete the course requirements necessary to receive state certification.

IFSI Cornerstone deliveries will resume statewide 1 July. IFSI Regional Representatives are working diligently to schedule training opportunities within their respective regions.

The IFSI Program Leadership is evaluating the most needed and appropriate options for program specific course deliveries during the months of June and/or July. Depending on their recommendations, currently scheduled courses for June may be cancelled and/or replaced with alternative delivery. Director Mortenson will review recommendations and make scheduling approval decisions accordingly. These decisions will be communicated with impacted students and departments, as available.

It should be noted that regardless of location, course, or enrollment timeline, our team is and will be addressing the specific protocols that will be implemented to ensure the health and safety of our students, instructors, and staff for all IFSI deliveries. The above actions will allow IFSI to “crawl, walk, and the run” as we gradually resume operations

We appreciate the continued support of our organization and look forward to the incremental resumption of our standard operations.



More Information from IFSI Visit:
fsi.illinois.gov

Mental Health Awareness Month



May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Statistics show 1 in 4 people suffer from some form of mental illness in any given year. Firefighters are three times more likely to die from suicide than in the line of duty. According to the Firefighter Behavioral Health Alliance, 105 firefighters took their own lives in the United States in 2014. The US Firefighters Association (USFA) reports that about 10 percent of firefighters may be abusing illicit substances and that alcohol abuse among this population is more than twice the rates seen in the general public. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, depression, and suicidal thoughts and behaviors among first responders are also common and believed to be triggered or worsened by repeat exposure to trauma, including physical abuse and death among the people they serve, loss of people close to them, and life-threatening situations.

Help is available and know it's okay to ask for help. The next couple of pages provide some resources and places to reach out to get the help needed.



OSFM is proud to have provided a grant that helped 170 firefighters attend the 2020 Illinois Firefighter Peer Support Symposium in Naperville February 20th and 21st. Suicide rates among first responders is alarming. Attendees to the symposium learned about PTSD, addictions, anxiety, suicide and other significant issues that fire and EMS first responders face daily

If you know someone who is struggling, or maybe you yourself are struggling, know you are NOT alone. It's okay to reach out for help! Visit <https://www.ilffps.org/> or call toll free at 855-90-SUPPORT.

<https://youtu.be/KvTppBARfGk>

Mental Health Awareness Month



RE;ACT celebrates the life of Lt. RYAN ELWOOD, strives to create AWARENESS for the battle he fought, campaigns for much needed COUNSELING to help his fellow Fire Fighters and First Responders who face the same challenges each day and funds TRAINING to benefit the profession for which he was so passionate.

The semicolon is included as it has come to represent hope and love for those who are struggling with depression, suicide, addiction and self-injury.

<https://www.react4ryan.com/>



The IAFF Center of Excellence has treated over 1,200 firefighters across the nation since opening its doors just 3 years ago.

"It is a comprehensive treatment center exclusively for IAFF members that struggle with addiction, PTSD and other co-occurring behavioral health issues. It's encouraging that more and more firefighters are recognizing the value of treatment and rehabilitation. The center allows firefighters to see that recovery is possible and that they are not alone."

"Many members have completed the treatment and feel re-energized, focused and whole again. We are fortunate that the IAFF had the vision necessary to create, build and operate this one of a kind facility." Chuck Sullivan, President Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois


<https://www.therecoveryvillage.com/locations/iaff-recovery-center/>



text **TALK** to **552020** or **HABLAR** a **552020**



Mental Health Awareness Month



ILLINOIS FIRE SERVICE INSTITUTE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

FIRST RESPONDER RESILIENCY PROJECT

As a national leader in training and education, the Illinois Fire Service Institute (IFSI) recognizes the importance of the physical and mental wellbeing of first responders. In August 2017, IFSI launched the First Responder Resiliency Project with the intention of promoting awareness of the challenges that first responders face in the high stress profession.

FIRST RESPONDER RESILIENCY PROJECT BY THE NUMBERS

| DESCRIPTION | TOTAL |
|---|-------|
| IFSI courses with schedule duration of 24 hours and greater | 85 |
| Students that received Resiliency Training since 8/1/17 | 3,515 |
| IFSI instructors trained to deliver Resiliency Training | 145 |
| IFSI Resiliency delivered at statewide conferences & seminars | 5 |

The IFSI First Responders Resiliency Project seeks to develop:

- A 4-hour stand alone curriculum that can be delivered to first responders that are unable to attend an IFSI course with a schedule duration of 24 hours and greater.
- Curriculum for fire and chief officers focused on how to handle resiliency and mental health within their departments.

*Helping Firefighters
Do Their Work Through
Training, Education, Information,
and Research.*

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Illinois Fire Service Institute Director Mortenson issued a directive in 2016 to develop the First Responder Resiliency Awareness Curriculum for inclusion in all IFSI courses 24 hours and greater. Responder resiliency material in IFSI courses is to promote awareness.

-Over 70 IFSI courses have mental health information included in them.

-IFSI instructors will share mental health message with over 4500 first responders every year.

<https://www.fsi.illinois.edu/content/courses/programs/resiliency/>

Small Equipment Grant Committee



Charles Lauss



Chris Coats



Ed Allsman



Jeremy Norris



Steve Gambrill



Roger Branson & Les
Albert

The Small Equipment Grant Committee met in Springfield to review applications for the Small Equipment Grant Program. OSFM will award \$3.5 million to eligible fire departments and ambulance services during this application period. There were 159 recipients chosen and they will be announced sometime in early June. OSFM thanks these individuals for their time to review the applications and to help departments/districts across the state.

The Small Equipment Grant Program was established to provide grants of up to \$26,000 for the purchase of small firefighting and ambulance equipment. This program is an innovative approach to a problem that has long caused difficulties for the fire departments and not-for profit ambulance services in Illinois, particularly those that have hardships in generating the necessary revenue for small equipment. The purpose is to allow eligible applicants the opportunity to purchase small equipment that they may otherwise not be able to purchase. Most Illinois fire departments, fire protection districts and township fire departments are eligible to apply. In addition, stand-alone, not-for-profit ambulance service providers are eligible to apply as well.



Arson Awareness Week



ARSON AWARENESS WEEK: MAY 3-9, 2020

First Responders: Fire Investigations, Arson Laws and You!

Content to help firefighters recognize and preserve crucial fire investigation evidence.

Arson Awareness Week 2020 was May 3-9th, highlighting the crucial role that firefighters can play in a successful fire investigation. As a firefighter, you are not just a first responder to the fire, but a first responder to the fire investigation as well. Firefighters are the eyes and ears of the arson investigators to help them determine the cause and origin.

According to the United States Fire Administration, an estimated 210,300 fires are intentionally set each year. These fires represent 13% of all fires reported to fire departments. Losses resulting from these fires included approximately 375 civilian deaths, 1,300 civilian injuries, and \$1 billion in direct property damage. In 2019, OSFM Arson Division conducted 939 investigations, 183 canine-assisted investigations and closed 49 cases with an arrest.

Arson fires are preventable through education and awareness such as the Youth Firesetter Intervention Program. To request help from this program you can call 1-844-689-7882 or visit the OSFM website

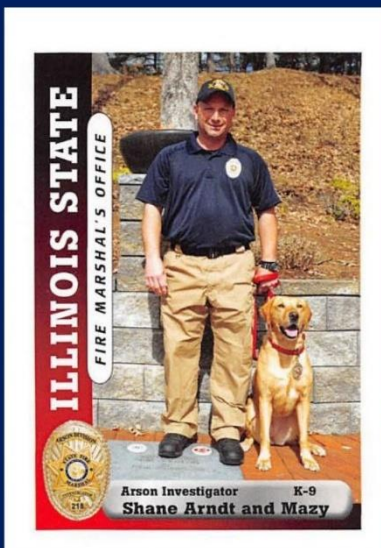
A statewide Arson Hotline, (800) 252-2947, has been established so that citizens may anonymously provide information about a suspicious fire that has occurred or may occur. Even a small amount of information can make a difference!



Arson Awareness Week-Arson Division Special Agent Profiles

Linda Hacker
Arson Investigator

"I once worked a rural house fire where the house was completely consumed by the fire. The wife was distraught not only for losing her house and all her possessions, but most notably her wedding rings. She had taken them off for the night and placed them in a ring cleaner. I asked her if she had an approximate location so I could go in and sift through the debris. After searching for a while, I was able to locate them and gave them back to her while she stood in the yard crying. Her tears of sadness quickly turned to tears of thankfulness as she hugged and thanked me. Fast forward 2 years, I was at a local small town celebration and was approached by a female who gave me a giant hug and said, I know you don't know who I am, but I am the woman you found the wedding rings for in the debris at our house fire. She thanked me again, showed me the rings on her finger, and said she would never forget me as they were a family heirloom. I was able to bring her joy on the worst night of her life."



Shane Arndt
**Arson Investigator &
Canine Handler**

"Giving people closure to an event, that may or may not have just been the most devastating thing in their life. Going that extra mile to discover what exactly started the event that destroyed everything in someone's life. Most importantly, if they have lost a loved one in the event."

Arson Awareness Week-Arson Division Special Agent Profiles

Mike Poel
Arson Investigator

"The investigation of a fire is many times a collaborative effort between the investigator, the local fire service and local law enforcement. Observations made by the first arriving officers and firefighters can often tell us a lot about what was occurring long before we arrive on the scene. Additionally, they may have insight from previous contacts and interactions with the home occupants."



Sean Junge
Arson Investigator

"As a Special Agent with the Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal, Division of Arson Investigations, collaborating with law enforcement, the fire service, and other agencies to best tailor my investigative services to the meet the needs of the local jurisdiction. This "teamwork approach" provides for the best possible outcomes during fire and arson investigations. Also, being able to provide closure and answers to a family that has lost a loved one or all their possessions inside a residential structure fire as a result of my investigation is rewarding."

Arson Awareness Week – K9's

Canine Agent Zoe



Canine Agent Sasha



Canine Agent Dollar

**OSFM Arson Division
Certified Accelerant
Detection Canines**

Canine Agent Mazey



Canine Agent Ross



Canine Agent Ava



Canine Agent Ginger

OSFM has seven certified accelerant detection canines and handler teams across the state. These teams aid and assist departments/districts in determining the cause and origin of fires. To learn more about the canine program visit:

<https://www2.illinois.gov/sites/sfm/About/Divisions/Arson/Pages/Arson-Canine.aspx>

Arson Accelerant Detection K-9s: New and Retiring



OSFM welcomes Ginger to the Accelerant Detection K-9 team. Ginger will be working with Special Agent Pride to aid and assist in investigations.



OSFM thanks K-9 Agent Gemma for her years of service. Gemma has retired and plans to enjoy many belly rubs, naps and treats. All the best in retirement Gemma!

COVID-19 Guidance



State of Illinois
Illinois Department of Public Health

COVID-19 Cloth Face Coverings



- ✓ Wash your hands before putting on a cloth face covering and after you take it off.
- ✓ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth and fits comfortably around your face.
- ✓ While wearing it in public places, avoid touching it and replace it if it feels damp.
- ✓ When you're done with the cloth face covering, carefully take it off from behind or by the straps and be sure not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- ✓ Cloth face coverings should be regularly washed and can be laundered with other clothes.



Questions about COVID-19?
Call 1-800-889-3931 or email dph.sick@illinois.gov
Illinois Department of Public Health - www.dph.illinois.gov

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COVID-19 Guidance



Coronavirus COVID-19

INSTRUCTIONS

For Tested Healthcare Workers & First Responders

What should you do about work while you wait for test results?

- Please inform your supervisor at work that you have been tested for COVID-19 and note the date of testing.
- If you are experiencing symptoms: Notify your supervisor and stay home.
- If you are not experiencing symptoms: Request guidance from your supervisor on any potential work and patient care restrictions until you know your test results.
- Avoid using public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis when commuting.

What should you do to protect yourself while you wait for test results?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean all "high-touch" surfaces every day. High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- If available, wear a facemask if you are sick.

Monitor any symptoms:

- Note the day any new symptoms begin.
- Check your own temperature two times a day.
- Keep a daily record of fever, cough, and additional respiratory symptoms.
- Seek further evaluation from a healthcare provider via telemedicine or an in-person if your symptoms get worse. **Call ahead before visiting your doctor** and tell them you have been tested for COVID-19.
- Even if you don't experience symptoms, you might make others sick.

Seek medical attention immediately if you develop any of the following emergency warning signs for COVID-19 or other medical emergencies:


- Extremely difficult breathing
- Bluish lips or face
- Constant pain or pressure in the chest
- Severe constant dizziness or lightheadedness
- Acting confused
- Difficult to wake up
- Slurred speech (new or worsening)
- New seizure or seizures that won't stop

*This list is not all-inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptoms that are severe or concerning.

For medical emergencies, call 911 & notify the dispatch personnel that you may have COVID-19.

For more information, visit: coronavirus.illinois.gov

COVID-19 Guidance

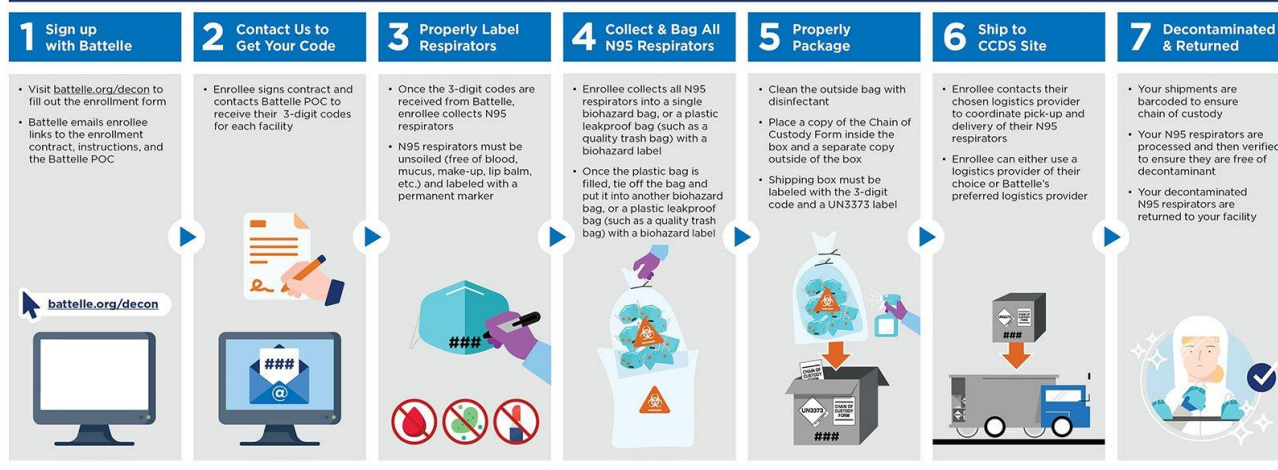


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| Coronavirus COVID-19 | <h3 style="margin: 0;">TEST RESULTS</h3> <h4 style="margin: 0;">For Healthcare Workers & First Responders</h4> | | |
| <p>If you test positive for COVID-19, keep your entire household home.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most cases can be cared for at home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Do not go to the hospital to seek care unless you have a medical emergency • Do not go to work. Notify your employer of your positive test result. • Continue to monitor your symptoms at home as described on the opposite side. • Seek medical attention if you develop ANY of the following: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Extreme difficulty breathing ◇ Bluish lips or face ◇ Constant pain or pressure in the chest ◇ Severe constant dizziness or lightheadedness </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Difficult to wake up ◇ Slurred speech (new or worsening) ◇ New seizures or seizures that won't stop </td> </tr> </table> | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Extreme difficulty breathing ◇ Bluish lips or face ◇ Constant pain or pressure in the chest ◇ Severe constant dizziness or lightheadedness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◇ Difficult to wake up ◇ Slurred speech (new or worsening) ◇ New seizures or seizures that won't stop |
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| <p>What should you expect?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Most people experience minor symptoms such as fever and cough. – Over-the-counter medications that lessen symptoms of fever and cough may help. It is important to get rest and drink plenty of fluids. – There is currently no vaccine or medication to treat or prevent COVID-19. | <p>When does home isolation end?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home and limit contact with others until: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ You have been fever-free for at least 3 days without using medicine that reduces fevers AND ○ Your other symptoms have improved AND ○ At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared – You will need to consult your employer prior to returning to work. | | |
| <p>If you test negative for COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are probably not infected at this time. However, you could have been exposed and test positive later. You must continue to practice all the protective measures to keep yourself and others negative. • As long as the virus that causes COVID-19 is spreading in your community, continue to follow recommendations to protect yourself, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ practice social distancing, wash your hands often, avoid touching your face, and avoid social gatherings according to local guidance. • Follow guidance from your healthcare provider and your state and local health departments | | | |
| <p>For more information, visit: coronavirus.illinois.gov</p> | | | |

Battelle Sanitize Options

Battelle CCDS™ Process

HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SIGN-UP PROCESS Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System™

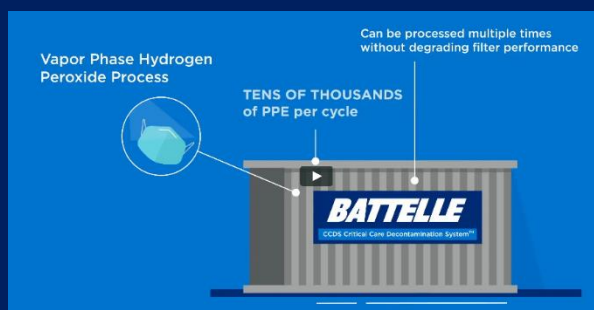
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To address the critical need for personal protective equipment (PPE), the State of Illinois has procured technology capable of decontaminating PPE for reuse in the fight against COVID-19. This is a free service that will safely stretch critical PPE for frontline workers. A Battelle Critical Decontamination System has been established in Waukegan to address this immediate need.

The machine, which can decontaminate up to 80,000 N95 masks per day, is authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the decontamination and reuse of N95 respirators for healthcare personnel. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) fully funds the production, deployment and operation of these systems, so no operating or service fee is required to use the system.

To enroll visit www.battelle.org/decon. Once enrolled, each institution will be responsible for collecting unsoiled used masks and making sure they are labeled with a facility code and name of the mask user. OSFM is using this service to help us stretch our supply of PPE for staff. Masks can be decontaminated up to 20 times without degrading their performance.

Contact Battelle for the latest list of masks that are able to be decontaminated.



Camp I Am Me - Virtual Fire Apparatus Parade



FIRE DEPARTMENT VIRTUAL PARADE SUPPORTING BURN SURVIVORS

IFSA CAMP "I AM ME" IS LOOKING FOR YOUR HELP!

Due to the current pandemic, the camp Fire Apparatus Parade will be modified to support this year's "virtual" Camp "I Am Me!" Camp sponsor, Johnson Controls, is assisting in the creation of the Virtual Fire Department Parade – an activity the campers look forward to every year.

- Try to include an inspirational message to the campers
- Record in landscape mode (sideways)
- Tripod if possible (or really steady hands)
- Keep zooming to a minimum
- Record on a sunny day (if possible)
- Recommend 480p or 720p resolution



Email Johnson Controls, David Prajka for questions or additional information at david.prajka@jci.com.

Join OSFM and other departments/districts from across the state in helping campers enjoy this favorite tradition.

A Parade for the KIDS

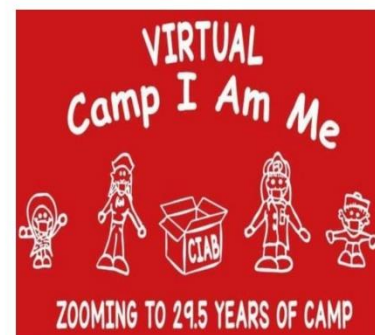
Only 15 – 60 seconds

Lights and Sirens
(Bonus if Rigs are moving)

Make Posters to
Show Support &
that we miss
our Campers

Download ASAP,
latest by June 17th

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/YIT7eht6BNdIN0d7fi>
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EMS Week

May 17-23rd was the 46th annual National EMS Week. This week is set aside each year to celebrate EMS practitioners and the important work they do in our nation's communities. Each day of the week highlighted a different topic related to EMS.

Monday: Education Day

This day was meant for EMS providers to educate the public about ways they can prevent illness and injury. Education Day seeks to highlight community educational programs, as well as the importance of continuing education for EMS providers.

Tuesday: Safety Day

Safety Day encouraged first responders to focus on risk and prevention rather than possible negative outcomes and aims to promote the advancement of safety measures for both the community and the profession.

Wednesday: EMS for Children Day

EMS for Children Day highlights the distinctive physiological and psychological aspects of caring for children and raises awareness about improving specialized care for children in pre-hospital and acute care settings.

Thursday: Save-A-Life Day

It doesn't matter how quickly EMS providers get to a scene—bystanders will always be there first. Save-A-Life Day empowers the general public to learn and apply steps that can be taken to help save a life. Two great examples are community CPR and Stop the Bleed training courses. Check for more information under the CPR Challenge tab on the EMS Week page at <https://www.acep.org/emsweek>

Friday: EMS Recognition Day

An EMS Recognition Day was established to honor local EMS heroes who regularly go above and beyond what is expected. Give gratitude to first responders for their unwavering commitment to serve their communities.

Saturday, May 16th *A moment of silence was held at 5 PM CDT to honor EMS professionals who have lost their lives in the line of duty related to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

Thank you to all EMS personnel for all you do to keep the citizens of Illinois safe!

EMS  STRONG
BEYOND
THE CALL

Home Fire Sprinkler Safety Week

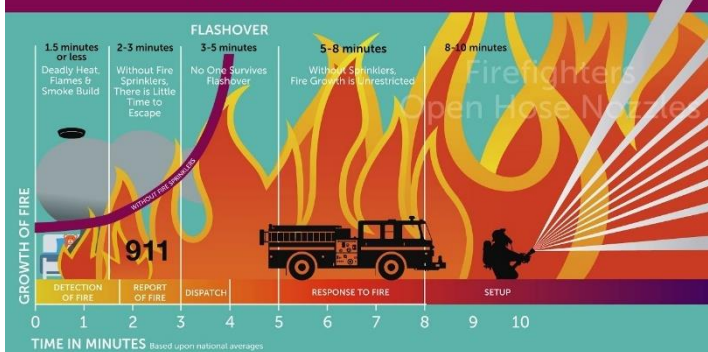
May 17–23 2020



HOME FIRE SPRINKLER WEEK™

A project of the NFPA® Fire Sprinkler Initiative®
and the Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition®

HOME FIRE TIMELINE



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fire deaths happen at home. Older adults and people with disabilities are at the greatest risk.



HomeFireSprinkler.org



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Home Fire Sprinkler Week was May 17-23rd. This week raises awareness about the benefits of home sprinklers and how they are part of a complete system of home fire safety.

In homes without fire sprinklers, fire growth is unrestricted. Deadly heat, flames and smoke begins to build, and the smoke alarm alerts in the first 1.5 minutes or less. Without fire sprinklers, you have only about 2-3 minutes to escape. Flashover occurs typically between 3-5 minutes, which at that point, no one usually survives. From the time someone calls 911 to when a firefighter opens a hose nozzle, is usually between 8-10 minutes. Fire sprinklers can quickly extinguish a fire or help to suppress and limit damage until firefighters arrive.

Each fire sprinkler protects an area below, and when heated by fire activates. Remember, only the sprinkler closest to the fire will activate, spraying water directly on the fire. Older adults and people with disabilities are at the greatest risk.

To learn more about home fire sprinklers visit: <https://homefiresprinkler.org/>

National Electric Safety Month

Electrical Safety

Flipping a light switch. Plugging in a coffeemaker. Charging a laptop computer. These are second nature for most of us. Electricity makes our lives easier. However, we need to be cautious and keep safety in mind.



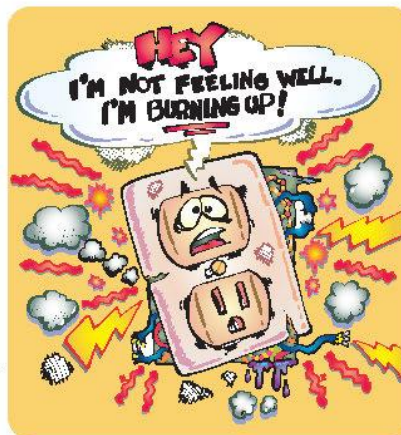
SAFETY TIPS

- Have all electrical work done by a qualified electrician.
- When you are buying or remodeling a home, have it inspected by a qualified private inspector or in accordance with local requirements.
- Only use one heat-producing appliance (such as a coffee maker, toaster, space heater, etc.) plugged into a receptacle outlet at a time.
- Major appliances (refrigerators, dryers, washers, stoves, air conditioners, microwave ovens, etc.) should be plugged directly into a wall receptacle outlet. Extension cords and plug strips should not be used.
- Arc-fault circuit interrupters (AFCIs) shut off electricity when a dangerous condition occurs. Consider having them installed in your home.
- Use ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to reduce the risk of shock. GFCIs shut off an electrical circuit when it becomes a shock hazard. They should be installed inside the home in bathrooms, kitchens, garages and basements. All outdoor receptacles should be GFCI protected.
- Test AFCIs and GFCIs once a month according to the manufacturer's recommendations. You do not need a flame to start a fire. Fires can start when heat builds up near things that burn. This can happen when a hot light bulb is near things that burn, such as cloth or paper, or a cord has been placed under a carpet.
- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are intended for temporary use. Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.
- Use a light bulb with the right number of watts. There should be a sticker that indicates the right number of watts.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Call a qualified electrician or your landlord if you have:

- Frequent problems with blowing fuses or tripping circuit breakers
- A tingling feeling when you touch an electrical appliance
- Discolored or warm wall outlets
- A burning or rubbery smell coming from an appliance
- Flickering or dimming lights
- Sparks from an outlet



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National Electric Safety Month is set aside every year to raise awareness on how to avoid potential electrical hazards. Home offices continue to buzz with activity during the COVID-19 pandemic. It's important to keep safety in mind, especially electric safety. Make sure power strips are not overloaded! Use power strips that have built-in overload protection. By taking a few simple precautions, everyone can avoid electrical-related fires, fatalities, injuries and property loss.

Memorial Day Remembrance

A close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is waving, and the colors are vibrant. The stars are white on a dark blue field, and the stripes are red and white.

Remember &
Honor

Memorial Day

OSFM honors all those who gave their lives to preserve our freedoms we enjoy. We also remember and honor all of our brothers and sisters in the fire service who paid the ultimate sacrifice doing what they love to protect the citizens of their communities. Your heroic actions will always be remembered.

National Boating Safety Week

National Safe Boating Week was May 16-22nd. This campaign was established to promote safe boating practices. Always wear your life jacket and test them for wear and buoyancy at least once a year. Make sure the vest you are wearing or about purchase is approved by the U.S. Coast Guard and is the right size. Alcohol is the leading known contributing factor in fatal boating accidents. Frequently check the weather forecast and monitor the sky. Have multiple ways to receive warnings. Finally, make sure you have multiple communications devices in case you need to call for help!

Visit <https://safeboatingcampaign.com/> for more safety tips.



77%
of boating deaths
due to drowning

4,145
reported accidents

633
reported deaths

84%
of victims NOT
wearing a life jacket

2,511
reported injuries

\$46M
approximate damage to
property

2/3
of drowning victims
are good swimmers



WEAR IT
A program of the National Safe Boating Council

Figures are from the U.S. Coast Guard's 2018 Recreational Boating Statistics,
the latest record of reported boating accidents in the U.S.

National Water Safety Month

National Water Safety Month is an annual awareness campaign coordinated by the Pool & Hot Tub Alliance with support from the American Red Cross, National Recreation and Park Association and World Waterpark Association. As summer heats up many home pools will be a popular location to cool off. These pools though can pose a danger to kids if proper precautions are not taken. According to the American Red Cross, 69% of young children who drown were not expected to be in or near the water.

Follow these 5 safety steps to help ensure safety around your pool.

- 1) *Setup Pool & Spa Barriers*
- 2) *Secure the Gates or Doors*
- 3) *Inspect Pool Draining & Drain Covers*
- 4) *Maintain the Pool & Cleaning Chemicals*
- 5) *Enforce Pool Safety Rules and Skills*

<https://www.safety.com/pool-safety-tips/>

Take the "I'm A Safe Swimmer Pledge"

I pledge to never swim alone.

I pledge to never play or swim near drains or suction fittings.

I pledge to always dive feet first.

I pledge to obey the pool rules.

Visit <https://www.apsp.org/Portals/47/Safe%20Swimmer%20Certificate%20color.pdf> for a certificate.

NATIONAL Water Safety MONTH

I'm a Safe Swimmer Pledge

To be a safe swimmer, I pledge:

- To never swim alone
- To never play or swim near drains or suction fittings
- To always dive feet first
- To always obey the pool rules

Pledged by:

Signature _____ Date _____ Age _____

Campfire Safety

Campfire Safety

Sitting under the stars by a crackling fire has its appeal. It's where stories are told, sing-a-longs happen, and meals are cooked over an open flame. Campfires bring family and friends together. But campfire mishaps can cause injuries. With a few safety tips, you can prevent these accidents.

SAFETY AROUND THE FIRE

- Before setting up a campfire, be sure it is permitted. Check with your local fire department.
- If campfires are permitted, they need to be at least 25 feet away from any structure and anything that can burn.
- Clear away dry leaves and sticks, overhanging low branches and shrubs.
- Avoid burning on windy, dry days. It is easier for open burning to spread out of control when it is windy and dry.
- Watch children while the fire is burning. Never let children or pets play or stand too close to the fire.
- Attend to the campfire at all times. A campfire left alone for only a few minutes can grow into a damaging fire.
- Keep a campfire small which is easier to control.
- Never use gasoline or other flammable or combustible liquids.
- Always have a hose, bucket of water, or shovel and dirt or sand nearby to put out the fire. Make sure to put it completely out before leaving the site.
- If your clothes catch fire, stop, drop, and roll. Stop, drop to the ground and cover your face with your hands. Roll over and over or back and forth until the fire is out.
- Treat a burn right away. Cool the burn with cool water for 3 to 5 minutes. Cover with a clean, dry cloth. Get medical help if needed.



ROAST WITH CARE

If roasting marshmallows, help young children. Never shake a roasting marshmallow. It can turn into a flying, flaming ball. A heated metal skewer can cause burns.

FACT

Campfire accidents send thousands of people to emergency rooms with burn injuries every year.



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OSFM Kudos

Kudos to Shelly Bradley from Petroleum and Chemical Safety Division

This is Dan Hanzie with Ornelas Construction. I just wanted to reach out and say thank you for all your help with the nightmare project we had at O'Hare this past year. Everything is officially bought off, and turned over, but I just wanted to once again say thanks, you were so helpful, and we would not have gotten this taken care of without you. Hopefully you and your loved ones are staying safe, and hopefully the next install goes much easier (it probably can't be worse).

Daniel Hanzie, Ornelas Construction Company



Matt (Perez, Fire Marshal),

*You and your staff are doing an
excellent job keeping us informed!*

John Swan



Kids' Corner

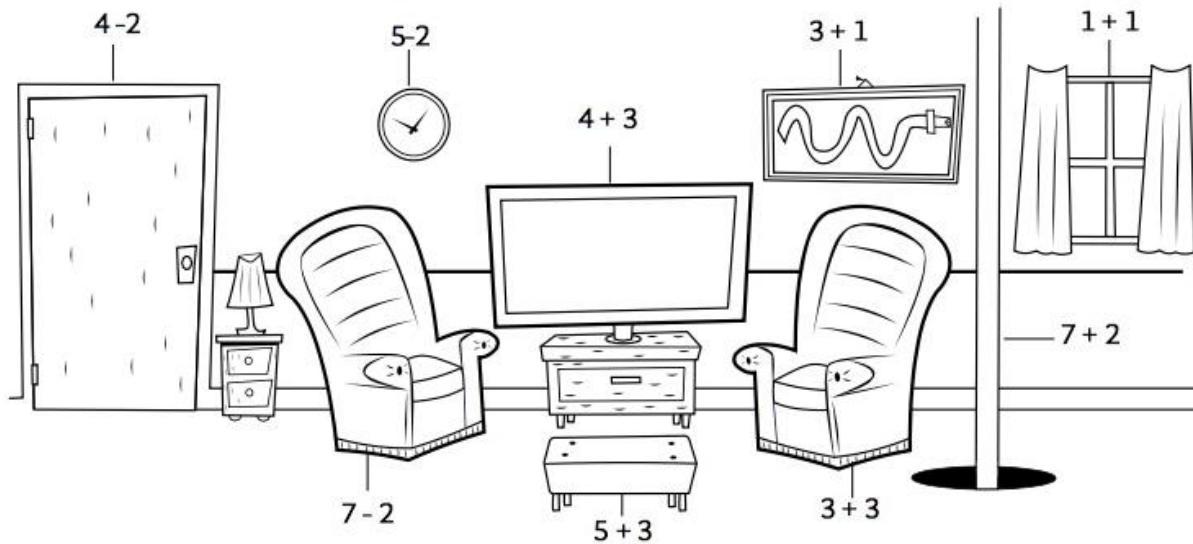
Firehouse Coloring Math

Name: _____

Directions: Solve the math problems. Then use the color key to color each object in the room according to its number. Can you find the two ways out? (They are in **blue**!)

2 = blue
3 = yellow
4 = green
5 = orange

6 = red
7 = purple
8 = pink
9 = grey



THE NAME AND IMAGE OF SPARKY ARE TRADEMARKS OF THE NFPA.

Kids' Corner

**Look, listen and learn,
with Sparky and Simon.**



Look for things
inside and outside
the home that are
hot or can get hot.
Things that are hot
can burn and hurt you.



Stay away
from hot things.
Don't touch them.

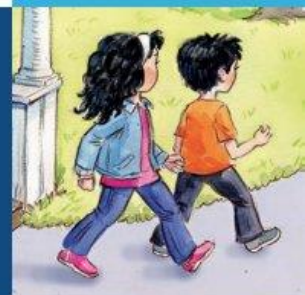


Listen for the
sound of a smoke
alarm. A smoke
alarm goes BEEP,
BEEP, BEEP.



Learn 2 ways out
of every room.

When a smoke
alarm goes BEEP,
BEEP, BEEP...
you get outside
and stay outside.



Kids

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